

Angier Working Group Update

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On April 3, 2013, the MSBA voted to accept the City's submitted preferred option and that the Angier project should move forward into the Schematic Design phase. Based on this approval, the design team has been refining the preferred design and is currently at 50% Schematic Design.

Schematic Design Reviews & Building Systems Alternatives:

In developing the Schematic Design, the design team has met with various city departments, many groups in the school department and a number of committees including Parks & Recreation and the Newton Historical Commission. The design has also been reviewed with the Design Review Team, the Design Review Committee and the Angier School Building Committee.

The design team has also been working with the School Department, Public Buildings and the Angier Working Group on a key design component, cooling. The design team wanted to understand the programmatic needs of various parts of the building (e.g., administration, library, cafeteria, classrooms, gym) and to understand the costs associated with options for controlling indoor environment including air-conditioning and dehumidification systems. Attached is a summary of the analysis provided by the architects, DiNisco Design Partnership. The design team, Working Group and NPS fully support the HVAC plan contained in the 50% Schematic Design to allow for the best teaching and learning environments and building use flexibility.

Selection of Construction Manager:

A few weeks ago, the Construction Manager selection committee unanimously selected W.T. Rich as the number one choice for the project after reviewing proposals and a day of interviews of with the five qualified respondents to the request for proposal. W.T. Rich is a Newton based firm with extensive experience in public school construction projects and other public projects under the CM-at-Risk process. The selection panel felt that the W.T. Rich team led by Jonathan Rich, Project Executive provides an excellent fit for the Angier School project. Having the CM on the team during the Schematic Design phase provides the City and the design team with valuable cost estimating input and constructability reviews as the building design and systems are evaluated.

Calendar:

On May 29, 2013, the project team provided an update to the community in the third public forum held to date.

The project continues to move on schedule toward completion of schematic design by the end of the summer. The goal is to achieve MSBA, 5-58, Board of Alderman, and School Committee approval by the first week of October.

The following dates will be of particular interest to the Board:

June 3, 2013 – BOA/SC Schematic Design Update following the Board of Aldermen meeting

June 12, 2013 - ASBC/DRC vote on 50% Schematic Design

July 15, 2013 – BOA/SC Review of Draft 100% Schematic Design and draft cost estimates, value engineering list, and budget (7pm meeting in the library)

July 18, 2013 – ASBC/DRC Vote on Schematic Design Submittal to MSBA and 5-58 Site Plan Approval

August 8, 2013 – Submit Schematic Design to MSBA

August 12, 2013 BOA refers project for Site Plan Approval

September 11, 2013 – Public Facilities Site Plan Approval Hearing, hearing continued to 9/18 if MSBA comments are not in

September 18, 2013 – Public Facilities Site Plan Approval Hearing, review final MSBA comments and vote.

September 23, 2013 – Finance Committee vote on project funding

October 2, 2013 – MSBA Board vote

October 7, 2013 – Board of Alderman vote on 5-58 and full project funding.